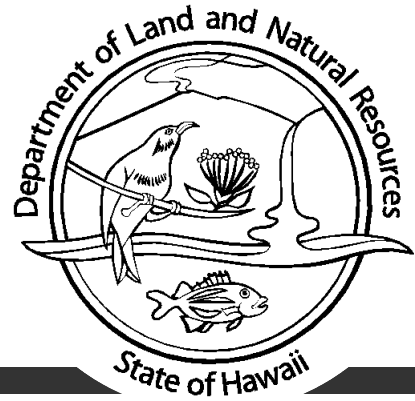


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TIME CHANGE: KUHIO BEACH MEDIA AVAILABILITY MOVED FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. TOMORROW

On Tuesday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m., DLNR Chief Engineer Andy Monden will be available for interviews regarding the sand pumping evaluation currently underway at Kuhio Beach. *(Note: The time was changed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. due to the subsequent scheduling of a legislative hearing.)* The sand pumping evaluation is part of an initial design phase of the planned Kuhio Beach renourishment project.

The two-week long evaluation will test the feasibility of using sand deposits located 1,500 feet offshore of Kuhio Beach to renourish and widen the beach for public use. The evaluation will test both the quality and quantity (supply) of the available offshore sand and will provide detailed environmental and engineering data to be used in the actual restoration phase of the project which is anticipated to begin in 2001.

The evaluation began on Thursday, February 10 and will continue through Thursday, February 24. During this time, the Diamond Head basin of Kuhio beach (between the Kapahulu Avenue storm drain and the groin fronting `Ohua Avenue along Kalakaua Avenue) will be closed to public access.

During the test, upwards of 5,000 cubic yards of sand will be collected by a hydraulic dredge which will pump the material through an 8-inch pipeline to a discharge point in the Diamond Head basin.

On Tuesday, media will have the opportunity to photograph the sand pumping in-progress, along with accumulating sand and related equipment.

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